

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5119

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Canceling the 2012 presidential primary.

**Sponsors:** Senators Pridemore and Kline; by request of Secretary of State and Governor Gregoire.

**Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**  
**House Committee on Ways & Means**

**Background:** Following the 1988 presidential election, an issue with the process for selecting delegates to the national political party conventions at which presidential candidates are nominated, prompted an initiative which was adopted by the Legislature establishing a presidential preference primary.

Presidential preference primaries were held in 1992, 1996, 2000, and 2008. The 2004 presidential preference primary was cancelled.

Unless the date is changed by statutory process, the presidential preference primary for the 2012 presidential election will be held on the fourth Tuesday in May, 2012.

**Summary:** The 2012 presidential primary is canceled.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	34	15
House	69	28

**Effective:** July 22, 2011.

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